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Subject: Allied Landfill - desk statement

Becky,

I'm sending this in the email as I don't want to screw up this loaner by configuring Outlook so I can send attachments. Sorry about that.

ALLIED LANDFILL DESK STATEMENT

The City of Kalamazoo is meeting with several local stakeholder groups on December 17, 2014 to discuss a new consolidation and capping alternative for Allied Landfill, part of the larger Kalamazoo River Superfund Site. These alternatives, which the City of Kalamazoo has developed with EPA and MDEQ, allow for more redevelopment of the Allied Landfill property than the current alternatives in the Feasibility Study. The City now supports consolidation and capping provided that it allows for redevelopment, which is a shift from its support of a total removal option. Following the meeting, the City will share this change of focus with the general public via a press release. EPA expects to be contacted by the media following the release. This new configuration is one of two developed by this federal, state and city collaboration. While the consolidation and capping options vary, all of them are protective and include long-term monitoring of the landfill. The new ones vary as one features a maximum consolidation to open up more land for unrestricted reuse while the other consolidates the waste into a plateau with the reuse limited to recreation. Redevelopment at the property provides stewardship of the landfill, ensuring greater long-term effectiveness and permanence of the remedy. With the increased long-term effectiveness and permanence of the new configurations, they would be more cost-effective than all of the cleanup alternatives currently in the Feasibility Study. All three parties favor the configuration that maximizes consolidation and unrestricted redevelopment.

EPA, MDEQ, and the City will be reaching out to stakeholders this winter to get their input on the different consolidation and capping alternatives, before incorporating one of them into the Feasibility Study. Later this summer, residents will have an opportunity to comment on all the options in the Feasibility Study when EPA presents its Proposed Plan.

The following statements should be responsive to those questions addressed to EPA by the media

- This collaboration between the City of Kalamazoo, EPA and MDEQ has been extremely productive and beneficial to the site.
- EPA plans to add one of these new configurations, which facilitate redevelopment, to the Feasibility Study as an addendum. A total removal alternative will remain in the Feasibility Study and will be considered in the remedy selection process.
- The purpose of upcoming out-reach is to seek public input on these new configurations prior to including one in the Feasibility Study.
- EPA expects there to be greater community acceptance of a configuration that maximizes redevelopment and access by the public.
- EPA expects to propose a remedy in summer 2015.
- EPA expects this partnership at Allied Landfill to continue in perpetuity.